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**REMARKS**

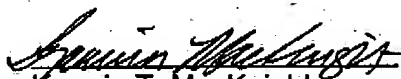
The present application was originally filed with 52 Claims. In the present Restriction Requirement, the Examiner has restricted the Claims into six Groups:

- 1) Group I contains Claims 1-22, directed to processes for enhancing secretion of a polypeptide;
- 2) Group II contains Claim 23, directed to methods for reducing the susceptibility of a polypeptide to an extracellular protease;
- 3) Group III contains Claims 24-26, directed to an expression cassette;
- 4) Group IV contains Claims 30-38, directed to a recombinant protein;
- 5) Group V contains Claims 29-44, directed to a chimeric polypeptide; and
- 6) Group VI contains Claims 45-52, directed to a nucleic acid construct.

The Examiner argues that the Groups represent separate and patentably distinct inventions. While Applicant must respectfully traverse the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the Claims in Group I (Claims 1-22), directed to processes for enhanced secretion of a polypeptide. Applicant has cancelled Claims 23-52, but reserves the right to file Divisional application(s) to pursue these cancelled Claims. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, she is encouraged to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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